

## BOOMLAND.

What a Globe-Democrat Correspondent Saw in Kansas.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat writes from "on the cars," of a trip from "St. Louis to Boomland." Shall Kansas be styled Boomland? We make only a few extracts from the correspondence:

The traveler opens his eyes on the second morning out of Kansas City to discover that he has not left the boom behind while he slept. The irrigating ditches are on either side, but it seems that the rain belt does not mark the western horizon of booms. The activity is more pronounced, if anything, than farther east, for here is the land for entry under government laws, land which a few months ago nobody supposed would ever be entered, and which is now in such demand that the new-comers in a town ask first for the lively stable and afterwards for hotel accommodations. At Garden City the cow boy who has turned "buss driver" shouts in the ears of passengers alighting from the train: "All aboard for the United States Land Office."

Dodge City, where the town marshal used to be a more important personage than the President of the United States, has become the "elegant and sturdy young giant of the west, now wholly redeemed from its past." Truly, the land agent has done a great missionary work, in making of this terror of the border "a quiet, intelligent, well-governed, busy city of schools and churches and prosperous people."

At Coolidge the novel sight witnessed at fifty other Western Kansas towns is repeated. A hundred men, most of them young, some still wearing the high heeled boots, jackets and broad-brimmed hat of the cowboy period, others in the cut-aways and dervys of the effete east, are at the depot to give demonstrative greeting to all new-comers. Buggies and wagons line the streets. New houses, many of them of architectural pretensions and brilliant in paint are scattered all about. There is bustle and excitement and hilarity everywhere, and the land agent's banner over all.

C. O. Roberts, a Coolidge land dealer, affable and enthusiastic over the prospects before him. To give an idea of the influx of homeseekers, he says: "Six months from now I venture the prediction that there will not be a claim worth having within fifty miles of Garden City. That will give you an idea of how the land is being taken up. Every man who comes out here and settles writes back to his friends and they come. This is the way it is being done. Look at me. I've been in this country six years, and I know it all. I'm a Cleveland man. When I came out I had one foot in the grave and hard work to keep the other out. Don't look much like dying now, do I?"

### THE KANSAS CREED.

There is the catchism form of boom literature. This opens with the striking assertion that "there is not a state in the Union but from which, every year, at least 1,000 people move to Kansas." The question is asked: "Why is it that so many people move to Kansas?" and the answers are strung along like this:

"Because their health is much better."  
"Because the railroads are building more miles of track in Kansas than in any other six states combined."  
"Because the winters are mild."  
"Because the people are temperate and hundreds of other reasons."

### AN INSPIRATION.

They sing poems to the boom. The song of Kansas, which is put in every new-comer's hand as soon as he reaches the mouth of the Kaw, tells that—  
"Tis a land where plenty dwelleth,  
Where the mighty big corn groweth,  
Where the cabbage heads are mighty,  
Where the beets beat all creation,  
Where sweet parsnips vie with turnips,  
Seeing which can grow the biggest.  
Thus the poet laureate of Kansas gallops along on his untiring mustang, and with an extra dig of the rowel proclaims:

Here are over half a million  
Of the finest mules and horses,  
From the strongest, stoutest puller  
To the very fastest trotter.  
He is practical even in his wildest bucking at rhythm:

Here's six thousand miles of railway;  
And six hundred more abuilding.  
And of wire telegraphic  
She has miles three hundred thousand.  
Here where roamed the rugged bison,  
Here where Indians camped and hunted,  
Where the wolf and wild-cat reveled,  
Where the savage war-whoop sounded,  
O'er a trackless, sandy desert  
Only a few brief years ago  
Five and twenty hundred churches  
Now are pointing spires to heaven.

THEY ARE COMING, HAWAIIANS.  
The pony may put his foot in a gopher hole now and then, but with a stagger two he recovers his gait, and with a whoop the poet rushes on and tells how, like "flocks of pigeons" from every quarter people are coming—  
To this glorious land of temperance,  
Where they've downed the demon  
Whisky.

Where the husband comes home sober,  
Where the wives take part in voting,  
Where they put good men in office,  
Where the citizens are loyal,  
Where no time is spent in idling,  
Where the business men are busy,  
Where the working men are working,  
Where the farmers are all thrifty,  
And where everything is booming.

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## THE BOOM

Gets too Much Under Way!

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conversation all around. In the seat in front that ever interesting wedding journey is in progress. Two heads are close together, and when the train slackens she is telling him in a voice cultivated by practice against the Kansas zephyrs:

"My law! they've surveyed a railroad right through Aunt Mary's garden, and she doesn't know what to do. It'll just ruin her currant bushes and peach trees. Uncle John isn't a bit put out about it. He says he just wishes they'd build three railroads through the front yard."

A man across the aisle is telling his seat companion how his fellow townsmen have just awakened to the fact that they must have a boom, and he says:

"We're going to have a lot of things printed and hire a good man to distribute them. Property will be worth double what it is now with us in six months."

If the man who has made two blades of grass grow where but one blade grew before be a benefactor, equally so is the planter of a tree on land hitherto barren of shade. Sir Walter Scott caused one of his characters to suggest to a youth that when he had nothing else to do he ought to be "sticking in a tree." "It will grow," said the wise counselor, "when you are sleeping." The advantages of covering waste places with timber, and thus bringing about regular seasons of rainfall and helping to temper the climate, are now popularly as well as scientifically recognized, and every timber culture claim taken up and improved in Colorado, and every tree that is planted on or in front of a vacant lot in this city will help the town and the country's growth and prosperity just that much. We can all do something in this way, and now is the time to do it. Plant trees and plant plenty of them. They will beautify the city and make it attractive to strangers.—Chieftain.

In Emporia they drew their distinctions very fine. Restauranters have been notified by the sheriff and county that hereafter the sale of cider by them will be followed by a prosecution under the liquor law. This is enforcement of the law with a vengeance. They should go a little further and forbid the sale of lemonade and soda water. However, the authorities may be right, after all. Cases have been known where men tried cider several times to discover if it was intoxicating and found it to be so.

Junction City Union: We are not planting enough trees. Kansas will have a wet season, and now is the time to start trees. If all the forests were cut off from the American continent the greater portion of it would become in half a generation, a howling wilderness incapable of supporting man or beast. A certain ratio, between 29 and 30 per cent of the whole agricultural region of any country, must for the good of the rest remain forest land.

Jay Gould is having a private car made at Pullman, Ill., which will cost \$20,000. It will be seventy feet long, will have five apartments—kitchen, parlor, private room, toilet room and observation room. It will be called Atlanta.

In Morton county the heavy rain of last week was accompanied by a wind storm, which did considerable damage to houses and barns in Frisco and vicinity. Several families were left homeless, but fortunately no one was seriously injured.

Mrs. Dora Salter was elected mayor of Argonia, last Monday. She is the first lady to be elected to that position in the United States. She is a wife and mother and a lady of superior attainments.

The flowers which bloom in the spring in Kansas have nothing to do with the case in New York, where the snow is now a foot deep on the level.

Blaine is better. We are glad of it. We hope no other presidential candidate will get sick until after the presidential nominations.

### STAY IN KANSAS.

The New York Witness has an article giving some of the advantages of staying at home, designed primarily to check the fever of New York people to immigrate to the West. Any reasons that might be adduced to persuade the residents of New York to be content with their present abode would undoubtedly apply with at least double force to the people of Kansas. They are especially applicable to the case of persons who are considering the propriety of moving from this state to some distant place of which they know little except by hearsay evidence. Every part of the country, no doubt, offers some attractions to the settler, and these are apt to be set forth in bright colors by enthusiastic admirers or interested speculators. A Kansas man is liable to forget, in reading some glowing description of the climate of California or Florida, that the great advantages of these much praised countries are pretty sure to be offset by greater drawbacks. It is no wonder that the Kansas man's water at the mention of summer fruits and vegetables in December and January, or that resting under a tree loaded with oranges is a pleasing picture in the mind of a man who is wrapped in furs from head to foot to protect himself against a Dakota blizzard.

The fact remains, however, that man was made to encounter difficulties and not luxuriate in easy comfort, and that the measure of a man's physical manhood is his power to cope with difficulties and his courage to face hardships. An unvarying temperature is very enervating. If it does give the farmer and laborer a chance to work all the year round, it at the same time takes from them much of the nerve power which in the more bracing Kansas climate enables them to do a heavy day's work without excessive fatigue. It is therefore questionable if a man can get through much more work in the twelve months in California or Florida than he can in nine months in Kansas.

The annual recurrence of four distinct seasons over the greater part of the habitable globe did not originate in chance but was specially designed by the Creator to suit the needs of man's nature, and enable him to put forth his labor to the best practical advantage. There are persons whose delicate constitutions cannot resist the shock caused by the extremes of temperature, and they can find a congenial home in the region of perpetual spring, provided they have the wealth to live there. But for residents of Kansas who are not actual invalids to expect to better their condition in any essential respect by breaking up their homes and immigrating to the ocean is the veriest folly. Kansas in climate, soil or material or moral progress, is second to no state in the Union. Immigrants from all over the civilized world are pouring into this state at the rate of many thousands per year, far more rapidly than into any other state, not excepting California and Florida, to enjoy its superior advantages, and Kansas people who imagine they can find a more beneficial state of things in any quarter of the globe simply make a serious mistake.—Emporia Republican.

W. P. Brush returned from a trip through Ness, Scott and Wichita counties. He reports heavy rains through that section; that the farmers are pushing their work with all the energy and force which can possibly be mustered for that purpose; that he saw more plows at work than ever before in Western Kansas; that claim holders are planting from fifty to seventy-five acres per quarter section, and that all of them are bent on getting in as large crops as possible. It is such reports as this that do more to boom the country than anything else which can be said concerning it. When the farmers show their faith by such acts, a confidence is established which will soon fill the country to overflowing.—Sentinel.

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A Texas newspaper says that there are only 50,000 Texas cattle under contract for the trail, against 160,000 a year ago, and that cattle which sold for \$50 three years ago only bring \$33 now. The reason assigned for this is that the up-country grazers, instead of buying cattle for breeding purposes, now take only fattening steers which will bring them quick returns.

In Bavaria the Mayor of a little village was ordered by the higher authorities to make out a list of the dogs kept by the inhabitants. He did so, and the list read as follows:  
The school-teacher—a dog.  
The pastor—a dog.  
The doctor—a dog.  
Myself—a dog.  
All of us together—four dogs.

We have yet to learn of a case in which a poor crop of oats was attributed to sowing too early, says the Rural New Yorker.

Horace Greeley used to say the farmer might as well consent that a strolling ruffian should shoot his horses or his cattle as his birds.

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Land Office at Garden City, Kan., March 20, 1887.  
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge, or in his absence, J. E. McGarry, Clerk of the District Court, at Dodge City, Kan., on May 30th, 1887, viz:  
Thomas C. Guthrie for the SW 1/4, section 25 in township 28 south, of range 26 west of the 6th p.m. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:  
Kennedy Chambers, of Dodge City, Kansas; Joshua Osborne, of Wilbur, Kansas; T. C. McCormick, of Wilbur, Kansas, and J. W. Rogers, of Dodge City, Kansas.

C. F. M. NILES, Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Land Office at Garden City, Kan., Apr. 1, 1887.  
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before T. J. Vanderslice, Probate Judge of Ford county, Kansas, at his office in Dodge City, Kansas, on June 4th, 1887, viz:  
Harry G. Wiggins, of Dodge City, Kansas, for the N 1/4, sec 25, tp 27 & R 25 W.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:  
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